

## **VILSACWPEDERSON LEADERSHIP AGENDA BRIEF**

### **Education: Community Empowerment**

#### **Critical Issue**

Community Empowerment Areas (CEA's) are at a critical stage of development. The focus of many CEA's has been on securing Empowerment grants. The next phase of Empowerment should focus on collaboration and the development of a comprehensive system for children O-5 and their families.

#### **Initiative**

During Fiscal Year 2001 (FY 01), Community Empowerment achieved statewide designation, which is much sooner than expected. All 99 counties are now part of a designated community empowerment area. The FY 01 school ready funding level of \$15.6 million allowed all 58 CEA's to receive school ready grants. All CEA's now receive both School Ready and Early Childhood funds.

School ready funding has allowed communities to provide parent education, parent support, and home visitation programs that enable parents to be their child's first and best teacher. Early Childhood funding has allowed communities to increase the quality and capacity of childcare.

Communities have experienced many successes with Empowerment Funds. Some CEA's have demonstrated a strong ability to leverage other funds into their efforts. The Governor's FY 02 budget recommends increases for the child protection system and for child care assistance subsidies. CEA's can facilitate the coordination and integration of services at the local level, which does not require new dollars.

Continued FY 01 level funding will provide an opportunity to confirm that this substantial investment of funds is leading to the intended results.

Communities can build upon the strengths of Empowerment; local decision making, flexibility and a partnership with State government to design a system that achieves results. State level efforts will also focus on forming partnerships with leaders of various early care, health and education services in order to align and support the formation of community partnerships. An integrated system of technical assistance will be developed.

#### **Cost**

Funding for Community Empowerment will continue at the fiscal year 2001 level, which is triple the state funding of only 3 years ago.

|                       | Early Childhood<br>(federal) | School Ready (state)  | Total                 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fiscal Year 99        | \$3.8 million                | \$ 5.2 million        | \$ 9.0 million        |
| Fiscal Year 00        | \$3.8 million                | \$10.4 million        | \$14.2 million        |
| Fiscal Year 01        | \$6.2 million                | \$15.6 million        | \$21 .8 million       |
| <b>Proposed FY 02</b> | <b>\$6.2 million</b>         | <b>\$15.6 million</b> | <b>\$21.8 million</b> |

#### **Results**

With continued funding, communities can focus on coordination and integration of services at the local level to develop a comprehensive early care, health and education system for children O-5 and their families to achieve the State's desired results of Healthy Children, Children Ready to Succeed in School, Safe and Supportive Communities, Secure and Nurturing Families, and Secure and Nurturing Child Care Environments.

Vision for State Government

More Iowans  
Younger Iowans  
Better Paid Iowans

# Vilsack/Pederson Leadership Agenda FY 2002

Core Values  
Opportunity  
Responsibility  
Community

Guiding Principles

- Customer focus
- Long-range thinking
- Collaborative leadership
- Employee participation
- Data-based decisions
- Continuous improvement
- Results orientation

| The New Economy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Health                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Safe Communities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Environment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Accountable Government                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <i>Iowans will be prepared to lead in the new economy.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>Every Iowan will have access to quality education and lifelong learning.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>Every Iowan will have access to quality health care services. Our focus is on wellness and prevention.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <i>All Iowans will live in safe and peaceful communities free from crime and abuse.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>Through individual stewardship and state leadership, every Iowan will enjoy improved natural resources.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>All Iowans will receive excellent and efficient service from their State Government.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Goals</b></p> <p>Encourage and sustain growth in advanced technology growth industries clustered in the areas of life sciences, advanced manufacturing, and information solutions (insurance, financial services, and computer programming).</p> <p>Grow, retain, and attract a diverse and skilled workforce.</p> <p>Prepare Iowa's communities for future growth and development.</p> <p>Spur long-term growth by making Iowa the World's Food Capital.</p> | <p><b>Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide comprehensive and coordinated support of children from birth through age five and their families to ensure a safe and healthy environment and early childhood learning.</li> <li>• Provide a system of pre-kindergarten, elementary, and secondary education that will ensure teacher quality and improve learning, achievement, and performance of all students.</li> <li>• Foster a seamless system of higher education that promotes access, accountability, quality, diversity, and cooperation.</li> <li>• Improve efficiency and expand the outreach of libraries, museums, and community arts programs to promote and provide quality lifelong learning opportunities for all Iowans.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that all Iowans, particularly those with special needs, have access to quality health care services.</li> <li>• Give consumers a strong voice in Iowa's health care system.</li> <li>• Reduce disease for all Iowans by focusing on wellness and prevention.</li> <li>• Reduce dependency on harmful drugs.</li> <li>• Enhance the quality of life for all Iowans.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce crime and abuse in Iowa, focusing on child abuse, elder abuse, and domestic abuse.</li> <li>• Reduce the demand for and supply of illegal drugs.</li> <li>• Reduce preventable injuries and deaths.</li> <li>• Increase youth and community development through improved state and local partnerships.</li> <li>• Improve outcomes and efficiency of sentencing and treatment of offenders.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and improve Iowa's water resources.</li> <li>• Encourage all Iowans to serve as stewards of our natural and cultural resources.</li> <li>• Ensure a sustainable environment for high quality outdoor recreation.</li> <li>• Increase environmentally sustainable business practices.</li> <li>• Use energy efficiently.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information and services when and where they are convenient to Iowans.</li> <li>• Preserve buildings, monuments, and collections as symbols of Iowa's strength, beauty, and heritage.</li> <li>• Achieve results valued by Iowans.</li> <li>• Provide a financially sound budget and promote a fair and simplified tax system.</li> </ul> |